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PASS WHITE HOUSE

1. BENITO LLAMBI, FORMER ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR TO FOUR DIFFERENT COUNTRIES AND CLOSE FRIEND AND ALLY OF CAMPORA, CALLED ON ME AT THE RESIDENCE SATURDAY AFTERNOON. MANY CAMPORA MEETINGS HAVE, OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS, BEEN HELD IN LLAMB BJS LUXURIOUS APARTMENT.
WE ARE ON A FIRST NAME, SECOND PERSON SINGULAR, BASIS. WE HAD A KIND OF WIDE RANGING TALK. OUR RELATIONSHIP IS EASY AND INFORMAL.

2. HE SAID THAT CAMPOR' S LIFE IS THREATENED AND THAT EXTREME PRECAUTIONS ARE BEING TAKEN TO PROTECT HIM. ON HIS TRIP TO ROME, HE HAD TO BE PROVIDED WITH SPECIAL SERVICE IN ORDER TO GUARD AGAINST HIS BEING POISONED. LLAMBI HAS ALSO BEEN THREATENED AND HAS A GUARD IN HIS APARTMENT. HE HAS ARRANGED A SPECIAL PROTECTIVE SYSTEM IN THE ELEVATOR HALL. WE AGREED THAT THE INCREASE OF TERRORISM SINCE THE MARCH 11 ELECTION HAS BEEN SURPRISING AND NOTABLE. HE SAYS THAT GOA IS COOPERATING FULLY IN PROVIDING THIS PROTECTION. BOTH GOA AND INCOMING CAMPORA ADMINISTRATION ARE UNDER TERRORIST THREAT. SINCE TERRORISTS ARE DOMINANTLY LEFT WING SUBVERSIVES, MILITARY WILL PROBABLY SUPPORT THE CAMPORA PEOPLE IN THEIR EFFORTS TO STAMP OUT SUBVERSION. COMMENT: IN THE LIGHT OF THIS AND
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OTHER RECENT TERRORIST DEVELOPMENTS, IT WOULD APPEAR NECESSARY TO
REASSESS TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS AND THEIR PROBABLE ROLE UNDER A NEW GOVERNMENT.

3. WITH RESPECT TO MARIO NAMPORA, NEPHEW OF THE PRESIDENT- ELECT, FORMER CAREER DIPLOMAT WHO HAS BEEN ON POST IN WASHINGTON, LLAMBI SAID THAT HE ENDEAVORED TO SIDETRACK THE PRELIMINARY TALK WHICH LLAMBI WANTED BETWEEN ME AND CAMPORA IN ADVANCE OF MY HANDING CAMPORA PRESIDENT NIXON' S CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE. HE SAID THAT MARIO
CAMPORA IS NOT IN THE INNER UPPER WORKINGS OF PERONISM, THAT HIS IMPORTANCE HINGES ON HIS STATUS AS CAMPORA' S NEPHEW. HE ALSO STATED THAT HE HAD ALIENATED IMPORTANT ELEMENTS BECAUSE OF HIS HARD, " DURO," AND AGGRESSIVE IDEAS.

4. LLAMBI FEELS STRONGLY THAT THE US CAN BE VERY HELPFUL IN RELATIONS BETWEEN ARGENTINA AND BRAZIL. HE IS PARTICULARLY INTER-ESTED IN THE ARRANGEMENTS WHICH MIGHT BE MADE WITH RESPECT TO THE NEW HYDROELECTRIC DAM AT ITAIPU ON THE PARANA, WHICH HE SAYS WILL BE BY FAR THE LARGEST COMPLEX OF ITS KIND IN THE WORLD AND WILL COST 3 BILLION DOLLARS. HE INDICATED THAT THERE WAS A DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN ARGENTINA AND BRAZIL ON CERTAIN FEATURES OF THESE WORKS.
5. HE SAID THAT HE HAD DECIDED NOT TO TALK WITH OTHERS AT THE EMBASSY, THAT HE WANTED TO DEAL WITH ME DIRECTLY. I SAID THAT THAT WOULD BE ALTOGETHER SATISFACTORY. HE, TOO, FELT THAT THE FACT THAT I HAD KEPT MYSELF PERSONALLY AND THE EMBASSY OUT OF THE ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN PUT ME IN A UNIQUE AND PARTICULARLY FORTUNATE POSITION TO DEAL WITH THE INCOMING GOVERNMENT.
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